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Fugitive Wanted in the United States

Law enforcement authorities are seeking the public's assistance in locating Mr. Sean Lopes, a fugitive wanted in the United States for attempted murder and kidnapping. Mr. Lopes is believed to be residing in Trinidad and Tobago.

On June 25, 2004 in New York City Mr. Sean Lopes entered the residence of his former girlfriend. The ex-girlfriend and Lopes were employed by the New York City public school system. When the ex-girlfriend returned home in the early morning hours of June 25, 2004, Lopes confronted her with a gun and a knife. Lopes held the victim hostage until police entered the apartment and arrested Lopes. On September 16, 2004, Lopes was charged with attempted murder and kidnapping, but was subsequently released on bail. Lopes subsequently fled and remains a fugitive.

On May 20, 2005 Lopes was tried, convicted, and sentenced in absentia to 15 years in prison. It is believed that Lopes traveled to Trinidad and Tobago using his brother's travel documents. Lopes has been classified as a New York Police Department "most wanted" fugitive. He is described as male, 5'8" tall, 140 lbs. (weight fluctuates), light-skinned, with brown hair and black eyes, and is usually clean shaven, but sometimes has facial hair. Lopes has been known to speak with a Guyanese accent. Lopes' DOB is 12 February 1966 but he has also used 6 July 1970. He has used the following aliases: Sean H. Lopes, Shane M. Lopes, and Sean Hendrick Lopes. Lopes has ties to Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana, Canada, the Bahamas, and the Dominican Republic.

A reward is available for information that leads to his capture.

If you have information on Lopes' whereabouts please contact crime stoppers at **800-TIPS (8477)**.

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